MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any appointment made in that Department is in the proportion of communal representation.

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: No appointment in the Transport Department has any bearing on communal representation.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Were these people recruited after any efficiency test?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No. May I explain for the benefit of the honourable member that when the Department was started, a few of the staff were taken from other Departments. The privileges in their original Departments are retained in the Transport Department.

Non-Travancoreans employed in the State Transport Department.

146. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the names, designation, qualifications and pay of non-Travancoreans, other than the Director of State Transport, employed in the State Transport Department on 1-9-1120?

MR. E. G. SALTER:

1.	N. Ramamurti, Superintendent of Road Transport.	B. Sc., Grad. T. A. E.	Rs. 500
2.	M. Sundaram, Engineer Assistant. (He has now left this service).	Bevin Training.	Rs. 200

Stock verification in the State Transport Department.

147. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether stock verification was undertaken by Government in the State Transport Department; if so, when and

(*b*) whether they would place on the table the report of the officer who conducted the stock verification?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No; but stock verification by the departmental staff takes place annually.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government consider the advisability of having a verification done by outside Departmental agencies?

MR. E. G. SALTER: May I explain that the Transport Department is a commercial Department, and the accounts of the Department are prepared on a commercial basis and a profit and loss account, is submitted which practice is not followed by any other Government Department. I have never heard of the stock accounts of a commercial organisation being audited by any outside agency.

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